

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the broadcast aired by the Sinclair Broadcast Group entitled A POW Story: Politics, Pressure and the Media, which took place on Friday, October 22, 2004. I saw the special one-hour news program and thought that it was an informative, fair, and timely journalistic presentation regarding the role of documentaries and the media in influencing voting in the 2004 presidential election. Contrary to the ill-founded accusations by various partisan groups, attacking a program they had not seen, the news program was not a propaganda piece intended to attack any political figure.

Most importantly, I wholeheartedly support the First Amendment and the right of media organizations, such as Sinclair, to exercise their journalistic judgment in airing programming that they believe to be newsworthy and of interest to their viewers. Sinclair should be applauded for its decision to air intelligent programming that stimulates political debate.